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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the abstract and insert the following amended abstract.

--Abstract of the Disclosure

A rail car having a chassis adapted to travel on a track extending from a collection point to a remote distribution point, a longitudinally extending container for compacted material, the container having a closable opening for loading and/or unloading of the material through at least one end of the container, an interconnector joining the container and the chassis so as to allow displacement therebetween to facilitate in situ loading of the container via the closable opening, a loader located at the collection point adapted to load the material into the container, and an unloader at the remote distribution point for unloading the material. The container is displaced relative the chassis to operatively engage the loader and the unloader.--